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Varietal Approval Requirement on Imported Planting Seeds

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Planting Seeds

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Report Highlights:

This report contains an unofficial translation of [Order No. 966-93](#) on the conditions for import and marketing of seeds to be cultivated in Morocco. Varieties must be registered in an official catalog or on provisional lists in order to be marketed. New varieties of species for which there is not yet a list or catalog may only be imported for preliminary tests or trials and may not be marketed. Morocco's imports of planting seeds are \$125 million, including \$5 million from the United States. Leading planting seed imports are tomato (\$30 million), potato (\$25 million), sugar beet (\$15 million), onion (\$10 million), and corn (\$10 million). Other significant categories include melon, broad bean, watermelon, pea, carrot, common wheat, alfalfa, durum wheat, bean, and rice (\$>1 million). Imports from the United States are led by carrot (\$2 million), alfalfa (\$1 million), and onion (\$1 million).

Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform [No. 966-93](#) of 28 Chaoual 1413 (20 April 1993) laying down the conditions for the importation and marketing of seeds to be cultivated in Morocco

([BO No. 4207 of 16 June 1993](#), page 289)

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL REFORM,

Considering the Dahir n ° 1-69-169 of 10 jomada I 1389 (July 25, 1969) regulating the production and the marketing of seeds and plants, as it was modified and completed by the dahir carrying law n ° 1- 76-472 of 5 Chaoual 1397 (19 September 1977), in particular Articles 1, 4, 5 and 6,

Order:

FIRST ARTICLE. (modified by the order of the MAMVA n ° 3828-94 of the 09/11/1994, [BO n ° 4288 of the 04/01/1995](#), page 3) - The importation and the marketing of the seeds are subjected to the following conditions:

- Establishments must be approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Development;
- Varieties must appear on the lists of the official catalog or on provisional lists.
- However, the foregoing provisions shall not apply to seeds imported under the temporary admission procedure; these seeds cannot be marketed within the country;
- Seeds must bear a certification label according to the OECD and meet the standards of the EE or be of the standard category for vegetable seeds.

ART. 2. - For new varieties of species for which there is not yet an official list or catalog, a sample of the variety must be deposited at the "seed and plant control service" and trials must be conducted in Morocco under the responsibility of the breeder or his representative. The results will be forwarded to the Directorate of Plant Protection, Technical Inspection and Fraud Control (seed and seed control service) for possible inclusion on the provisional list.

ART. 3. - For varieties intended for preliminary tests or trials in the official catalog, quantities of seed as defined in the Annex to this Order may be authorized on importation provided that the beneficiaries undertake to management of plant protection, technical controls and the repression of fraud, not to multiply these seeds for dissemination.

ART. 4. - This decree will be published in the Official Bulletin.

Rabat, Chaoual 28, 1413 (April 20, 1993).

The Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, Abdelaziz Meziane.

Size of samples to be authorized for import (kg)

Cereals:

- canary	500
- oats	500
- durum wheat	500
- common wheat	500
- corn	200
- barley	500
- rice	200
- rye	500
- triticale	500

Forage grasses:

- brome	100
- cocksfoot	100
- fescue	100
- bluegrass	100
- ryegrass	100
- sorghum	100
- sudan grass	100
- foxtail	100

Food legumes:

- fève	30
- bean	300
- lentil	100
- pea	20
- chickpeas	200

Fodder legumes:

- berseem	100
- beans	250
- fenugreek	100
- lupine	300
- forage peas	200
- clover	100
- vetch	200

Oilseeds:

- peanut	200
- safflower	200
- rapeseed	300
- soybean	300
- sunflower	200

Textile plants:

- cotton	300
- flax	300
- hibiscus	300

Beetroot:

- sugar beet	200
- vegetable beet	200
- fodder beet	200

Vegetable plants:

- artichoke	5
- asparagus	1
- eggplant	1
- basil	1
- cardoon	5
- carrot	1
- celery	1
- chervil	1
- chicory	5
- cabbages	1
- cauliflower	1
- scallion	1
- chives	1
- pumpkin	5
- zucchini	2
- cucumber	2
- cornichon cucumber	2
- squash	2
- cumin	1
- coriander	1
- spinach	1
- fennel	1
- okra	1
- lettuce	1
- mache lettuce	1
- melon	10
- mustard	2
- turnip	2
- onion	2
- sorrel	2
- parsnip	1
- watermelon	10
- parsley	1
- patty pan squash	1
- chili pepper (parent variety)	2
- chili pepper (hybrid variety)	0.5
- pepper (parent variety)	2
- pepper (hybrid variety)	0.5
- dandelion	1
- leek	1
- chard	1
- horseradish	1
- kohlrabi	1
- rhubarb	1
- arugula	1
- salsify	1
- scorzonera	1
- New Zealand spinach	1
- thyme	1
- tomato (parent variety)	2
- tomato (hybrid variety)	0.2
- potato	3000